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To: UW-Ext. Education, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee  
From: Sam Tobias, Planning & Parks Director   
CC: Allen Buechel, Erin Gerred  
Date: July 29, 2010  
Re: Summer Report

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Riggs County Park-Our contractor finished up the boardwalk project in July. Walking trails are all in place as planned. I propose to budget for additional renovation work on the historic house. The boardwalk project chewed up our entire budget this year.

45 Wayside Park-We received our DNR permit. Our Corps of Engineers permit came a few weeks later. I am coordinating this project to use our Highway Department trucks to haul the dredge spoils to our closed landfill across from the State Patrol office. We have set August 24 as our start date on the dredging project. The job should take no more than 2 days.

Landfill-Landfill operations continue as normal since the last report. With dredge spoils from the boat launch, I can get more cover repair done this year. There will be more cover repair in 2011. I prepared and submitted my annual landfill report to the DNR in July. I have also scheduled maintenance work on the leachate collection lines for August. Maintenance is done by cleaning the leachate lines using a sewer jet.

Hobbs Woods-The Friends of Parsons Creek continue to meet on a monthly basis. We have an Eagle Scout project for trail maintenance and stream obstruction removal that is being done over the summer. Water sampling and lab work continues. Results show the stream is cleaner than in the early 2000s.

Wild Goose Trail Extension-No change in status from last month. My railroad contact is not returning calls or emails, which is not a good sign.

Trails Mowing-Highway Department employees mowed the Wild Goose, Mascoutin and Eisenbahn Trails and stayed within the budget we discussed earlier this year. Our parks employees are mowing the rest of our trails.

We are doing this for 2010 instead of purchasing a new tractor and mower for the parks department. This arrangement will likely continue in 2011.

Wetland Banking-I prepared an RFP for assessing 4 of our properties as a wetland bank site. Sites include Riggs County Park, Shaginappi Park, land within the south end of the airport, and the unused landfill site on Highway 41 north of town. The lowest quote came from MSA Professional Services at \$4,950. MSA really wanted the work because the next and only other proposal came in at \$26,260. I met with the consultant the last week of July to visit all four sites. Work has begun on evaluating all four sites. We should have a preliminary report in time for the September meeting.

Miscellaneous-During July we experienced a broken sewer lateral at Roosevelt Park. Staying on top of this ate up a few work days. It was discovered that the lateral was broken when one of the utility companies bored in a line for new service going down Winnebago Drive and past the park. Once bills come in for the repair of this lateral, I will submit bills, proof of payment and photographs to the utility company for reimbursement. Invasive species continue to be a problem in our parks and along our trails. I spent a half-day in July controlling common teasel along the Eisenbahn Trail before the next round of mowing to avoid the spread of seed. I also closed out a \$100,000 Commerce Brownfield grant that was used to clean up one of our in-rem property a few years back. The property was later sold to a new manufacturing business that moved into the county from the West Bend area.